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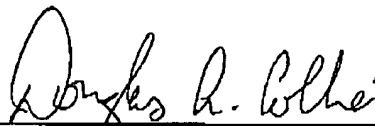
**REMARKS**

A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 was mailed on September 28, 2006 asserting that the application includes claims directed to the following species:

- I: Claims 1-16, drawn to a system of medical instruments, classified in class 606, subclass 61
- II: Claims 17-34, drawn to a guide instrument, classified in class 606, subclass 104
- III: Claims 35-45, drawn to a method of using a medical instrument system, classified in class 606, subclass 71

Applicant hereby elects Invention I including claims 1-16 without traverse. Further consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing election is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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